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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for verification of a voucher by a gaming printer, comprising:

receiving a validation character string;

printing the received validation character string on a voucher:

scanning the voucher for a scanned validation character string; and

verifying the voucher using the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string.

- 15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the received validation character string is generated by a gaming machine interface board.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the received validation character string is received from a gaming machine management system.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the scanned validation character string is generated using an optical character recognition process.
  - 5. The method of claim 4 wherein the optical character recognition process is performed by a printer controller.
- 30 6. The method of claim 4 wherein the optical character recognition process is performed by a voucher scanning device.
  - 7. The method of claim 1 wherein the voucher is verified by comparing the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string.

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8. The method of claim 1 further comprising voiding the voucher if voucher is not verified.

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- 9. The method of claim 1 wherein the voucher is scanned while the voucher is being printed.
- 10. An apparatus for verification of a voucher by a gaming printer, comprising:

means for receiving a validation character string;
means for printing the received validation character
string on a voucher;

means for scanning the voucher for a scanned validation character string; and

means for verifying the voucher using the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string.

- 20 11. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising means for generating the scanned validation character string using an optical character recognition process.
- 12. The apparatus of claim 11 wherein the optical character recognition means is included in the voucher scanning means.
  - 13. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the means for verifying the voucher further includes means for comparing the received validation character string and the scanned validation character string.
  - 14. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising means for voiding the voucher if voucher is not verified.

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15. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the voucher is scanned while the voucher is being printed.